

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1 - 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method for providing entity valuation data for financial instruments, comprising:

receiving, at a Reference Data provider, an information data stream generated from each of a given plurality of entity valuation information vendors, each information data stream identifying the generating entity valuation information vendor and stated monetary value of at least one subject entity which is a financial instrument, wherein each information data stream resides in a Reference Data Facility;

receiving a service arrangement data identifying an authorized information vendor list for each of a plurality of customers, said authorized information vendor list identifying entity valuation information vendors from among said plurality of entity valuation information vendors to which the customer has a given authorization to receive said vendor information data stream;

storing said service arrangement data at said Reference Data provider;

storing, at said Reference Data provider, a default rule for each of said customers, said default rule based at least in part on the customer stored service arrangement data, said default rule specifying an algorithm for generating a Best Known Value Available (BKVA) of a given subject entity;

~~computer-implemented~~ generating, for at least one given subject entity, a best known value data (BKV), based on a collection of all of said entity valuation information vendor respective information data streams that include the respective vendor stated monetary value of said subject entity;

28 ~~computer-implemented~~ forming a set H of all of said entity
29 valuation information vendors whose generated information data stream
30 includes the generating vendor stated monetary value of said subject
31 entity;
32 ~~computer-implemented~~ generating for each of at least one of
33 said customers, for said at least one given subject entity, a customer-
34 specific $BKVA$, wherein said generating compares said customer
35 authorized vendor list to said set H and sets said customer's customer-
36 specific $BKVA$ of the subject entity to be said BKV if at least one of the
37 vendors identified by the customer authorized vendor list is within set
38 H , else sets said customer customer-specific $BKVA$ of the subject
39 entity in accordance with said default rule stored for said customer,
40 wherein said setting includes applying said default rule algorithm to the
41 information data stream of at least one of the entity valuation
42 information vendor identified by the customer authorized vendor list,
43 the generating of the customer-specific $BKVA$ being performed without
44 knowledge of the data supplied by vendors to which the customer for
45 which the customer-specific $BKVA$ is generated does not subscribe;
46 and
47 transmitting, by the Reference Data Facility, to each of at least
48 one of said customers the customer-specific $BKVA$ of the subject entity;
49 while ensuring, by the Reference Data Facility, that no customer
50 is aware of, has access to, or otherwise benefits from a vendor data
51 content residing in the Reference Data Facility but unsubscribed for that
 customer.